### **CHAPTER NO. 188**

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1255**

## By Representatives McMillan, Gresham, Brenda Turner, Mike Turner, Kent, Todd

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 478

## By Senator Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to claims under the criminal injuries compensation fund.

# BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-108, is amended by deleting the last sentence of subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

Failure of the victim to report the crime because the victim is physically unable to do so, a victim of a sex offense as defined in § 40-39-102(5) or a victim of domestic abuse as defined by § 36-3-601(3) may all constitute good cause.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 12, 2003

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

> JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003

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